I hereby certify that this correspondence is being facsimile transmitted to the United States Patent and Trademark Office on January 10, 2005.

Frank C. Eisenschenk, Ph.D., Patent Attorney

PETITION AND FEE FOR EXTENSION OF TIME UNDER 37 CFR §1.136(a)

Examining Group 1644
Patent Application

Docket No. GEN-100D1

Serial No. 10/045,180

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Examiner

F. Pierre VanderVegt, Ph.D.

RECEIVED

Art Unit

1644

CENTRAL FAX CENTER

Applicants

Lydie Bougueleret, Ilya Chumakov

JAN 10 2005

Serial No.

10/045,180

Filed

October 18, 2001

Conf. No.

4857

For

Nucleic Acids and Vectors Encoding Human Defensin Polypeptide and

Applications Thereof

Mail Stop Amendment Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313

PETITION AND FEE FOR EXTENSION OF TIME UNDER 37 CFR §1.136(a)

Sir:

Applicants request that the period for response be extended two months through and including January 11, 2005. An Amendment Under 37 C.F.R. §1.111 accompanies this Petition. Please charge the fee of \$225.00 to Deposit Account No. 19-0065.

Any additional fees as required by 37 CFR §§1.16 or 1.17 should be charged to Deposit Account No. 19-0065.

Respectfully submitted,

Frank C. Eisenschenk, Ph.D.

Patent Attorney

Registration No. 45,332

Phone No.:

352-375-8100

Fax No.:

352-372-5800

Address:

P.O. Box 142950

Gainesville, FL 32614-2950

FCE/sl

Attachment: Amendment Under 37 C.F.R. §1.111